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SUBJ: PEACEKEEPING: COMITE 33 WORKING GROUP ( WG)

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1. DESPITE SOVIET AND CZECH INSISTENCE THAT COMITE 33 WG BEGIN ITS SUBSTANTIVE WORK WITH DISCUSSION OF MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE, AFTER TWO- HOUR DEBATE WG AGREED MARCH 7 TO COMMENCE WITH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON GENERAL ROLE OF SECURITY COUNCIL IN COMMAND AND CONTROL OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AT NEXT MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH.

2. IF THERE IS NEW FLEXIBILITY IN SOVIET POSITION IT HAS SO FAR NOT BEEN DEMONSTRATED. AT MARCH 7 MEETING OVINNIKOV ( USSR) MADE EXTENSIVE PITCH FOR MSC AS LOCUS OF COMMAND AND CONTROL, DRAWING ON PARTS OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL IN OBVIOUS BUT UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO SPLIT CANADA FROM US AND UK. BRAZIL, ACTING AS CHAIRMAN, PLAYED CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN GENTLY PRESSURING SOVIETS TO BACK DOWN REGARDING MSC AS FIRST TOPIC OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.  
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3. AT SOCIAL EVENT MARCH 7 OVINNIKOV TOLD UK MISOFF THAT USE OF MSC IN PEACEKEEPING WOULD BEST PROTECT INTERESTS

OF PERMANENT SC MEMBERS, " VIEWS OF SC PERMS IN WG WERE COMING CLOSER TOGETHER", AND SUCCESS WAS LIKELY " EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT TAKE TWO YEARS." UK MISOFF CONCLUDED THAT NEW SOVIET EMPHASIS ON MSC WAS INTENDED LARGELY TO EMBARRASS PRC.

4. MARCH 7 WG MEETING INDICATED THAT ACITVISTS ON WG WILL BE BRAZIL, CANADA, UK, US AND USSR ( SECONDED BY CZECHS). MOOD OF WG CLEARLY IS TO HOLD FREQUENT MEETINGS FOR MAXIMUM EFFORT TOWARD AGREEMENT ON PK GUIDELINES PRIOR TO 28 THGA.

5. WE DETECTED LITTLE REACTION AMONG WG MEMBERS TO SOVIET STRESS ON MSC, OTHER THAN IRRITATION AT SOVIET INFLEXIBILITY REGARDING POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR WG' S SUBSTANTIVE WORK. OUT GUEST IS WG MEMBERS ARE JUST BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE.

6 COMMENT. BELIEVE OUT SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENTS AT NEXT WG MEETING SHOULD BE FRANK AND TO POINT, NOTING IN PARTICULAR THAT NEW SOVIET STRESS ON MSC WOULD SEEM TO BE RETURN TO SQUARE ONE WHICH OFFERS LITTLE HOPE FOR EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON GUIDELINES.  
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